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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The idea was, I believe, to improve supply to the central delta. The amount is very small. As the hon. Member will see, it is only Rs. 2,600."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the Government consider the possibility of increasing the ayacut of the Godavari delta?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That matter would, no doubt, be considered."

Construction of quarters for the officers at the Headworks of the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

* 1154 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of buildings constructed for officers at the Headworks of the Cauvery-Mettur Project;

(*b*) the capital cost of each;

(*c*) by whom the same is occupied;

(*d*) whether any rent is charged; and

(*e*) whether the officers receive any extra allowance?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] giving the information is placed on the table.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*), may I know why no rent is charged for officers who occupy the buildings there?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It was explained in connexion with our discussion on the Cauvery-Mettur Project, that this was one of the concessions given to the officers living there?"

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Do they get any extra allowance?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir, except this."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Do the Government propose to extend this concession for any length of time, or is there any time-limit for this concession?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" During the construction of the project, Sir."

Land Revenue

Inclusion of lands in the Kistna ayacut.

* 1155 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report said to have been called for by the Government in the answer to question No. 584 answered on 12th October 1928 regarding the levy of penal assessment on lands included in the ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta has been received; and

(*b*) if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the information [b] already sent to the hon. Member is laid on the table. It is a reproduction of the Board's report.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 415 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix IV on page 416 infra.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" When as many as 4,000 acres out of the land included in the ayacut are left waste will the Government make an investigation as to why so many acres could not be cultivated wet ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Because they are on a higher level. If the level is reduced, they will be included in the ayacut."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I ask whether the Government Order exempting the poor ryots from the payment of the inclusion fees has been put into operation at all ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" This is a separate question and I must ask for notice."

Levy of penal interest on arrears of takkavi loans in Anantapur district.

* 1156 Q.—Mr. C. Obi Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report said to have been called for in the answer to question No. 452, answered on 9th October 1928, regarding levy of penal interest on arrears of takkavi instalments in Anantapur district, has been received ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay it on the table of the House ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 2709, Revenue, dated 16th November 1928, which has been laid on the table.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member why, according to the Government Order, the Government consider it unnecessary to get the compilation made in view of the fact that hardships have been pleaded for a long time and changes sought to be made ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Getting information for the past would not cure hardships at present existing. We have also revised the rules imposing penalties to meet the object of the hon. Member."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" Has the order issued ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribaks :—" I hope so ; I want notice."

Introduction of the Land Revenue Bill.

* 1157 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 545 answered on 12th October 1928 regarding the introduction of the Land Revenue Bill—

(*a*) whether this Government have sent their reply to the Government of India about the matter ;

(*b*) whether this Government received any further communication from the Government of India ; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend introducing the Land Revenue Bill during the lifetime of this Council ?